

To: Superintendents and Principals

From: Diana Smith, Director of Digital Learning

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Subject: 2023-2024 Digital Learning Coach Grant

The 2023-2024 Digital Learning Coach Grant application is open through Wednesday, April 26. This grant is open to any Indiana public school corporation or public charter school. The Digital Learning Coach Grant offers school corporations the opportunity to support the professional development of individuals who spend at least half of their contracted time in a digital learning coaching role. Grant funds, up to \$10,000 with no more than \$5,000 allocated per coach, may be used to support one or more of the following strands:

- Blended and Virtual Instruction
- Digital Integration Coaching Cycles or Models
- Universal Design for Learning (UDL)

The Digital Learning Coach Grant allows coaches and their corporations/schools to design plans to increase capacity through new certifications, in-person or virtual course enrollments (college courses are not reimbursable), or conference registration and attendance. Funds may also be used for projects that expand learning to educators the coach supports.

## **Strand 1: Blended and Virtual Instruction**

• Costs related to professional development, course work, or a certification that will increase the coach's expertise in blended and virtual learning specific to the partnership between asynchronous and synchronous instruction.

## **Strand 2: Digital Integration Coaching Cycles or Models**

• Costs related to professional development, course work, or a certification in the area of coaching cycles or models that will increase the coach's capacity to work collaboratively with educators in their professional learning journey.

## Strand 3: UDL

• Costs related to professional development, course work, or a certification to become a leader in the implementation of UDL best practices in blended and virtual instruction in the corporation.

2023-2024 Digital Learning Coach Grant Timeline	
Friday, March 24	Grant Application Opens
Wednesday, April 12, at noon ET	Digital Learning Coach Grant Support Session
Wednesday, April 26, at 5 p.m. ET	Grant Application Deadline
Friday, June 9	Grant Recipients Notified
Friday, June 16, at noon ET	Digital Learning Coach Grant Kickoff Meeting
Monday, August 21	Grant Start Date
July 31, 2024	Grant End Date

Contact the Indiana Department of Education's <u>Office of Digital Learning</u> with any questions regarding this grant opportunity.